

## A personal message 'from the bridge' . . .

I have now been on the job for a couple of months as the Maritime Administrator.

In my short time in office I have been to New York, Norfolk, Los Angeles/Long Beach, Oakland, Seattle, Tacoma, Bridgeport, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Mississippi.

I had the opportunity to watch the Merchant Marine/Coast Guard football game at Kings Point, N.Y., with then-Acting Secretary Maria Cino (We won!) as well as participate in the annual consultations with Russian maritime officials in St. Petersburg, Russia. I have visited four of the five region offices as well as every program office at headquarters.

These travels and variety of functions reflect the wide diversity and range of the Maritime Administration, its offices and personnel. I have



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enjoyed getting to meet many of you, visiting your offices, and learning more about you and your programs. I look forward to getting out to every office and operation in the coming months.

I have already learned that we have a great workforce that does an exceptional job serving the maritime industry and the nation

We have a lot of work ahead of us over the next couple of years and I am very confident that we, the Maritime Administration, will be successful in every thing that we do.

I am proud to be serving as your Administrator.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean T. Connaughton".

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### THRICE-POSTED COLORS HONOR 9/11 LIVES LOST

One day after the nation's fifth anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Maritime Administration employees and others at the agency's Western Region office in San Francisco posted three U.S. flags at the building's main entrance in remembrance of the Americans who lost their lives on that tragic day.

Though originally planned as just a one-day-only display, positive comments received from visitors and employees helped keep the somber tribute in place for the rest of the week.



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